Shelter houses under Mahila Swadhar Scheme

†2697. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shelter house opened under 'Mahila Swadhar' programme and the locations thereof, State-wise;

(b) the capacity of each of the shelter houses to keep destitute women;

(c) whether Government are aware that condition of the women residing in these shelter houses is worse;

(d) the amount of fund allotted, State-wise and year-wise under 'Mahila Swadhar' programme during the last few years and how much amount was spent out of this; and

(e) the number of shelter houses closed/proposed to be closed so far out of the above and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) A State-wise list showing the number of Swadhar Shelter Homes sanctioned is annexed as Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The capacity of each shelter home ranges from 25 to 200 destitute women.

(c) No such report has been received from any of the State Government.

(d) Swadhar is a central sector scheme. Funds are released directly to implementing agencies. There is no specific State-wise allocation of funds under Swadhar scheme. However, the year-wise details of funds allocated under Swadhar scheme is

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

as under:—

Year	Amount allotted (Rs. in crores)	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
2001-02	0.50	0.80
2002-03	9.00	4.04
2003-04	1.00	1.10
2004-05	3.69	4.21

Statement-II indicating assistance provided to voluntary organizations during last three years is annexed (*See* below).

(e) Out of 93 Shelter Homes, 5 Shelter Homes have been closed by the implementing agencies as they have expressed their inability to run the shelter homes.

Statement-I

Sanction of Swadhar Shelter Homes, State-wise, as on 16.8.2005

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Swadhar Homes sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3.	Assam	3
4.	Bihar	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	—
6.	Delhi	2
7.	Goa	—
8.	Gujarat	5
9.	Haryana	2
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1
11.	Jharkhand	—
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	1

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Swadhar Homes sanctioned
13.	Karnataka	15
14.	Kerala	—
15.	Madhya Pradesh	—
16.	Maharashtra	1
17.	Mizoram	1
18.	Meghalaya	—
19.	Manipur	9
20.	Nagaland	—
21.	Orissa	19
22.	Punjab	—
23.	Rajasthan	2
24.	Sikkim	—
25.	Tripura	—
26.	Tamil Nadu	12
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1
28.	Uttaranchal	—
29.	West Bengal	7
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	—
31.	Chandigarh	—
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
33.	Daman & Diu	—
34.	Lakshadweep	—
35.	Pondicherry	—
	TOTAL:	93

Statement-II

Assistance to Voluntary Organisations under Swadhar Scheme during last three years

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the States	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Andhra Pradesh	32.83	—	61.61
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
3.	Assam	—	—	10.20
4.	Bihar	—	—	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	—	—
6.	Delhi	6.69	8.12	—
7.	Goa	—	—	—
8.	Gujarat	95.5	24.10	17.48
9.	Haryana	7.90	12.88	8.85
10.	Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—
11.	Jharkhand	—	—	—
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	7.65	—	2.58
13.	Karnataka	19.70	5.10	79.69
14.	Kerala	—	—	—
15.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	—
16.	Maharashtra	50.00	—	7.71
17.	Mizoram	—	5.10	—
18.	Meghalaya	—	—	—
19.	Manipur	—	24.33	23.86
20.	Nagaland	—	—	—
21.	Orissa	—	4.35	80.11
22.	Punjab	—	—	—
23.	Rajasthan	4.00	4.58	3.49
24.	Sikkim	—	—	—
25.	Tripura	—	—	—

Sl.No.	Name of the States	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
26.	Tamil Nadu	29.35	4.60	18.78
27.	Uttar Pradesh	81.00	—	10.69
28.	Uttaranchal	—	1.21	—
29.	West Bengal	4.23	11.67	3.52
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	—	—	—
31.	Chandigarh	—	—	—
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—
33.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—
34.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—
35.	Pondicherry	—	—	—
36.	Central Social Welfare Board	63.52	30.56	71.44

Amendments to Dowry Prohibition Act

2698. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code enacted to prevent harassment to women for dowry is being misued by women to harass their in-laws;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Dowry Prohibition Act so as to avoid its misuse;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that complaints against the in-laws and their family members are registered in the police stations even after lapse of ten or more years of the marriage and if so, the reasons therefor?